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Fall 2014



It's that time of year again: the days are growing shorter, the air is crisper; we blink and suddenly we have had our first snowfall. Here at the airport we had a great summer, our passenger service boomed as usual with the tourist season, but we continued to maintain smooth, safe operations. Lake Hood had an incredible summer with over 41,449 operations throughout the season. However, we all know that winter is well on its way, and as you make the transition please keep safety in mind. If you are driving to the terminal for a departure or arrival, remember that the changing weather conditions could affect your travel time. Always leave yourself enough time to reach your destination safely.

As always there seems to be plenty of issues around the world that could impact your travel plans especially around the holidays. Please stay in contact with your air carrier for updates and schedule changes and know that the staff at the airport is doing everything it can to ensure that you have a safe, efficient and comfortable airport to pass through.



## HIGHLIGHTS:

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## WINTER IS COMING

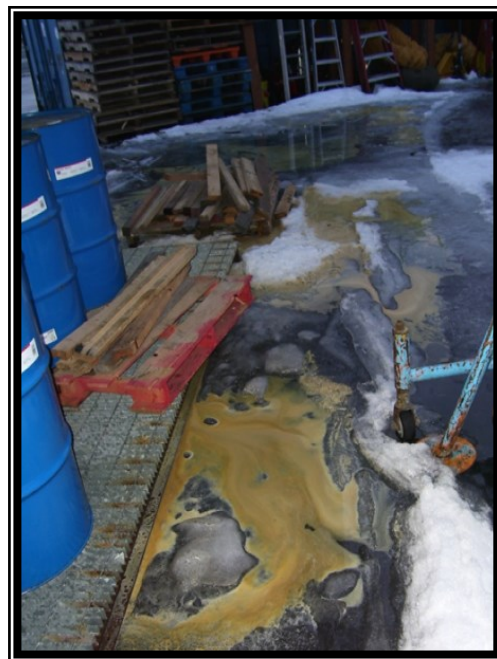
Winter is on its way and with it the snow and the freezing temperatures. Before winter arrives in full force, this is a good time to look around your lease lot or tie down area for things that either need to be stored in a more appropriate manner or properly disposed.



Material left out can freeze into place and result in trip hazards or interference with equipment movement. Small containers are easily covered by snow fall or snow berms from plowing. Hidden containers can be damaged during snow removal or they can freeze and burst in cold weather. This can lead to a spill.

Cleaning up a spill or other messes is never fun or easy. It is even worse if you have to do it in freezing weather during the dark hours of winter. Spilled material will flow over and under ice and snow, making it harder to clean up.

Help avoid needless spills by properly storing or disposing of hazardous materials and wastes. Avoid the unnecessary hassle of dealing with incorrectly stored material in winter. If containers and materials are to be left outside, make sure there is secondary containment in case of a spill. Having a cover over them is also a good idea. In addition, ensure the containers are closed so as not to collect snow and water.



Individuals and certain businesses can dispose of small quantities of hazardous waste at the Municipality's Solid Waste Services (SWS) Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHCC).

**For more information on the HHCC, please call 428-1742 or 343-6262 or visit their website at [www.muni.org/Departments/SWS/Pages/HazardousWaste.aspx](http://www.muni.org/Departments/SWS/Pages/HazardousWaste.aspx)**



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Super Cub Exhibit

Recently, the terminal received a new exhibit highlighting the significance of general aviation in the State of Alaska and Alaska's popular aircraft the PA18 Super Cub. The Super Cub plays a vital role in providing off-airport transportation for commercial and private uses such as fish-spotting, hunting, and law enforcement.

Information on Alaska's aviation system, the economic impact and vital link to everyday goods and services will inform viewers of the importance of aviation. Proclamations from the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage recognizing general aviation as an integral part of our transportation system are also featured. The exhibit contains a fully assembled Super Cub courtesy of the Alaska Airmen's Association and will be on display until April 2015.



-Article and Photos by Tony Luiken

### Fill the Boot

This fall, local firefighters participated in the 60th annual "Fill the Boot for MDA" to include our very own folks from Airport Police and Fire. The "Corner Captain" Mike Farmer said that from the timeframe 3-6 PM they were able to raise nearly \$6000 for this worthy cause. Many thanks to Ofc. Mike Farmer (who has been running the program for the last few years), Sgt. Joe Gamache, Ofc. Brandon Lewis, Ofc. Sven Hall, Ofc. John Maddy, Ofc. Eric Thompson, Ofc. Robert Bentler, Ofc. Dan Harmeling and Dispatcher Veronica Smith for their individual efforts, otherwise this would not have been possible.



-Article and Photos by David Schulling, Deputy Chief Police & Fire

## REMEMBERING OFFICER TONY CARTER



*"On March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 Sergeant First Class (SFC) Anthony Carter while assigned in the Konar Province of Afghanistan heroically distinguished himself by valorous conduct in the face of an armed enemy. Shortly after interacting with local children and handing out food items, the base he was at came under sustained and accurate enemy fire from the high ground surrounding the encampment. SFC Carter, upon hearing the initial sounds of the attack, alerted his teammates and moved rapidly under the enemy fire to his .50 caliber position. While climbing the ladder to the position he came under sustained enemy fire. Enemy rounds were visibly impacting around him as he climbed the ladder. Despite the intense enemy fire impacting around him, SFC Carter was the first US soldier at this camp to engage the enemy with sustained, targeted and accurate fire. SFC Carter continued to spot enemy muzzle flashes and return fire at the enemy positions. His sustained return fire was an important factor in suppressing the enemy attack. When his gun ran out of ammunition and, despite continuing sustained enemy fire at his position, he didn't hesitate to reload and continue his return fire. SFC Carter's unwavering courage and calm performance in the face of the enemy prevented their ability to maneuver and ensured the survival of all personnel assigned with him."* -Excerpts of eyewitness accounts of 02 March 2012.

Officer Tony Carter. A man not many people knew but a man who affected so many without expecting any type of "thank you." Tony was not a "been there, done that" type of guy but rather a "let's get there and get it done" type of guy. Meaning, Tony expected no fanfare for what he did in life. Just that he knew he had helped someone. His life was all about service for and to his fellow man and woman.



Tony was born in Los Angeles in April 1969 and was adopted into his lifelong family at the age of 12, due in large part of the insistence of his best friend and eventual brother, Charles. Tony found himself joining the Marine Corps where he became a crew chief on CH46 helicopters. During his duty in the Marines and while stationed at US Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay Hawaii, Tony met his eventual wife and lifelong partner, Rachelle. After serving for eight years in the Marines and gaining his commercial aircraft pilot and mechanic licenses, Tony and Rachelle settled in Palmer Alaska in 2002. Tony



was once again called to service after the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Tony decided to join up with the Army and try out for the Green Berets. And that he did. Tony served heroically and honorably as a member of the Green Berets, (1/19<sup>th</sup> Group Special Forces) and (3<sup>rd</sup> Group – Afghanistan) for 12 years where he eventually received the rank of Sergeant First Class (E7). Tony found himself being called for many deployments over the course of these 12 years to places like Nepal, Thailand, the Philippines and Afghanistan.



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Tony was not satisfied in serving others just by being in the military so he decided to join the Anchorage Airport Police and Fire Department in July 2005. Tony was a very active member of the department where, due to his vast experience, he found himself coordinating many police-related courses to include utilization of the 'shoot house' at Joint Base Elmendorf / Richardson, a very useful and popular place for officers to hone their skills and tactics in the uncertain world that is law enforcement. Tony was regularly suggesting improvements to police equipment and training so as to give his fellow officers the upper hand and to be that much more prepared. Of course due to the uniqueness of the dual certification that all Police and Fire officers hold at Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports, Tony found himself equally adept to the Fire Officer part of the job to include being a member of the airport's primary emergency medical responders. One such action in November of 2012 earned him the department's Life Saving Award where he and other department members were successful in resuscitating an individual that had experienced a cardiac arrest.

Not that any of this was enough of a challenge, Tony and Rachelle welcomed five children into their family; Cheyenne, Rhiannon, Zane, Crede and Bella. Tony was perhaps proudest of this accomplishment in life. He could be heard saying repeatedly how proud he was of each of his children and especially proud to be married to Rachelle. Theirs was a pairing that was *meant* to be. This was Tony's greatest calling.



The toughest of Tony's missions came to an end on September 10, 2014, one day before the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of those historic terrorist attacks that spurred him to again help his fellow man and woman. Tony was truly a hero among men. Tony never expected any recognition for all that he did in life, just that he had served and done what he could to help others.

We at the Airport Police and Fire were honored and blessed to be a part of Tony's "family". We thank the many countless people that helped us in honoring Tony these last few weeks, and in helping us see Tony off on his final journey.

In Honor of Anthony "Tony" Douglas Carter: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1969 – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Silent Warrior and Guardian. Proud Husband and Father

— Article by David Schulling, Deputy Chief Airport Police and Fire